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### I. AMENDMENT

# In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification at page 1, first paragraph, to read:

This application is a Continuation of Serial Number 08/984,650, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,381,592.

A clean copy of the replacement paragraph as amended thus reads:

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#### 20 II. REMARKS

## The 112 second paragraph Rejections

"Linked <u>web</u> pages" I.

In claims 9 and 16, the claim term "linked web pages" is believed unclear because "It is not clear what the web pages are linked to."

25 The web pages referred to are linked to other web pages (e.g., the web page recited in corresponding independent claim 6 and 13, at element a). This is understood in the art; the term "linking" is understood in the art to mean using a HTML (or another web-based language, such as XML) hyperlink command to reference the linked object (e.g., the linked web page).

<u>"As many linking levels as desired"</u>

In claims 9 and 16, the phrase "as many linking levels as desired" is believed unclear. The Examiner interprets the term to "encompass one level, multiple levels, or no levels at all." The Examiner's interpretation is correct; this is exactly what the phrase means.

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